

Jr. All-Breeds Convention Set

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.)—Attention Juniors! Regardless of what dairy breed you pledge allegiance to, we have the event for you. The Penn State Dairy Science Club will be hosting the first ever Jr. All-Breeds Convention, February 16-18, 1995 at the Days Inn, State College. The weekend promises to be an exciting one with fun filled activities that will enable you to explore the dairy industry while

making new friends and visiting with old ones. The schedule will include: Friday: Mixers, pizza/pool party; Saturday: Hands-on workshops at Penn State Ag. Facilities; Mock Sale; Dance with DJ Kirk Sattazahn; Sunday: Brunch with keynote speaker Mr. John Rodgers, noted Ayrshire breeder from Belleville, PA.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and be a part of history! You will not want to miss the first joint statewide junior dairy event.

For hotel information, call

the Days Inn toll free at 1-800-258-3297 (say you are with the Junior All-Breed Convention). Hotel rooms must be reserved by January 15, so make your room reservations now! Ticket order forms will follow in later issues of this paper. For additional convention information, call (814) 863-3914.

Keep reading future issues of Lancaster Farming for information updates and registration forms.

See you in February!

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Jersey heifer calf by Elmview Sooner J—Seller, Meadow View Farm, Pine Grove; Buyer, George Williamson—\$2000.

Elmview Sooner Babs—Seller, Elmview Jersey Farm, Columbus; Buyer, Melissa McWilliams, Beavertown—\$2000.

Cathy Pavelski was the overall chairperson of the sale, assisted by Josh Harvatine and Owen Bewley. Other committee members were: selections: Sue Cadwallader, Mer-

anda Dum, Thad Sturgeon; animal preparation: Crystal Miller; marketing/merchandising: Dave Fava; publicity: Carrie Bryant & Barry Hauck; finance: Charlie Houpp; reception: Marel Raub; barn manager: Scott Longenbach; arena preparation: Lisa Stuchal & Pam McConnell.

Sales staff members were Horace Backus, Harry Bachman, Ken Raney, John Batchelder, Bill Nichol, Mike Weimer, Bill Allen, and Mike Hurst.

Legislative Proposal Would Extend Food Bank Liability

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — To encourage hunters to contribute extra venison to food banks through programs such as "Hunters Sharing the Harvest," two state legislators have joined together to promote legislation (SB 511) to amend the Donated Food Limited Liability Act for donated wild game meats.

The amendment from Sen. Roger Madigan (R-Bradford) and Rep. Matt Baker (R-Bradford, Tioga) will expand existing charitable organization food bank liability protection to persons donating lawfully taken game.

Sen. Madigan said, "This legislation will assist in promoting worthwhile programs" such as the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" project. Although it is legal for hunters to participate now, Rep. Baker indicated that this legislation will go a long way in encouraging more hunters to make donations.

Senate Bill 511 has passed the Senate and is currently being considered in the House. Rep. Baker has encouraged the House to take action in time for the 1995 deer season.

The "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" venison donation program is now in its fifth year. It is spearheaded by Pennsylvanians for the Responsible Use of Animals (PRUA), which coordinates the efforts of hunters, meat processors and food banks to put meat on the plates of needy Pennsylvanians.

PRUA is a coalition of 17 associations and individuals representing agriculture, biomedicine, entertainment, sports and hunting groups. The umbrella organization encourages humane treatment of animals used for food, clothing, biomedical research, entertainment and sport while at the same time strongly supporting Pennsylvanians' right to the continued, responsible use of animals.

The coalition also provides factual information to the public, the media, elected officials and those responsible for the care of animals so they can have a better understanding of proper care standards.

The "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" project collects and distributes venison to hungry Pennsylvanians.

Last year over 85,000 pounds of donated deer meat reached the plates of the state's needy families and individuals.

In the 1995 hunting season, PRUA hopes to see an expansion of the project and make 100,000 pounds of venison available for distribution.

PRUA has received support from Safari Clubs International and the Pennsylvania Deer Association along with promotional assistance from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Department of Agriculture.

Conservation groups, hunting clubs and interested individuals are encouraged to give their extra deer meat to the needy through this service project. Individual contributions can range from a few pounds of ground meat or steaks to an entire deer.

Last year, nearly 174,000 people benefited from hunters' generosity, but with 7 million pounds of venison harvested across the state, PRUA aims to expand the number of donations this year.

Food banks say they never have enough meat products to fill the need, so hunters with extra venison or the desire to share their good fortune can easily become involved in the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest." They are encouraged to contact their local game processor or butcher or local or regional food bank and make arrangements to donate venison.

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